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Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street SW

Washington, DC 20544

July 21, 2011

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am a Colorado legislator representing Colorado Senate District 2, and I am writing in support of the proposed AT&T and T-Mobile merger. This transaction will benefit the rural counties in my Southern Colorado district that stretch from Baca and Otero counties to rural parts of Pueblo County. We need access to broadband networks that can help our local economy grow and help our community prosper.

Having lived in more rural parts of Colorado with my family, I see the day-to-day needs that our families face as they earn an honest living and build their businesses. Colorado is ranked 10th from the bottom when it comes to access to broadband, and if I can embrace an opportunity to help affect change that can bring benefits to District 2, then I fully support such investments. We must bring solutions that deliver access to everyone to compete in today's 21st century economy. The newest forms of advanced communications are a critical part of that picture.

I believe in equal opportunity for everyone with a strong emphasis on individual rights and liberties. Colorado and the rural counties that make up the picturesque Colorado landscape are entitled those opportunities that so many across the nation already enjoy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to the additional rural broadband this merger will help facilitate.

Sincerely,

Senator Kevin Grantham

Colorado State Senate District 2